

# The Pocahontas Times.

If thou would'st read a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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of his visit will appear in this  
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Will practice throughout Pocahontas  
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Those needing his services will  
please communicate by letter and  
make appointments to suit con-  
venience.

## THE C. & I. RAILROAD.

### A STUPENDOUS ENGINEERING FEAT SUCCESSFULLY ACCOM- PLISHED.

Nothing Like it East of the Rocky  
Mountains.

Last week we went to the city  
of Elkins on the third trip made  
by the passenger train recently  
put on the Coal & Iron Railroad.  
Our friends in Elkins, a city  
noted for the hospitality and the  
intelligence of its leading men,  
exclaimed when they saw the  
bearded denizen of the wilds of  
the Greenbrier, "Pocahontas is  
out of the backwoods!" But we  
replied, "Nay, nay, we came  
through the back door for the  
first time!"

We were properly astonished  
at the wonders in railroad build-  
ing accomplished in the C. & I.  
and it is the purpose of this ar-  
ticle, to give an idea, if possible  
of the magnitude of this under-  
taking.

The subject is better worth  
space in a magazine of national  
importance than in a county  
paper.

We had known in a general  
way that the railway had been  
built but had never realized what  
an undertaking it was.

The capitalist who pushed the  
work through exhausted the bonds  
laid out on the road and finally  
had to put a mortgage on the  
family cow.

The road starts from the Union  
Station at Durbin. Then follows  
the West Branch of Greenbrier  
River, or the "Fur" (far) Branch  
as it was called when all the world  
lay to the east of it.

Fir River would be a good  
name for it now. The road  
climbs steadily until the Summit  
is reached about 20 miles from  
Durbin.

The whole of the way is through  
one of the typical forests of Po-  
cchontas County. Such woods  
as we who love to wander about  
in boundless contiguity of shade  
are so familiar with. For the  
first time in the history of this  
county has been a stretch of  
woods been given to the public.

This timber is going at the rate of  
\$30 per acre with the bark re-  
moved and it will not be long  
until it will be in ashes. It is  
a novel sensation to ride through  
such a woodland on a train. We  
are used to such scenes, but it is  
with a trout rod in hand and  
splashing up and down the stream,  
which is usually the only thorough-  
fare. From the car window  
could be seen splendid pools for  
trout and the ardent fisherman  
gazes with a wishful eye he sees  
the train whizzes by at the rate of  
six miles an hour.

Many an old log, big boulder,  
rack heap, bank, and other hiding  
places, we saw as we passed and  
we could see the very place we  
would choose for the first cast,  
and be rewarded by a long,  
rakish body darting forth crazy  
for the fly.

The road winds through a stately  
avenue of forest trees. If they  
only did not have to be cut! But  
we cannot eat our cake and keep  
it. Presently some opulent Penn-  
sylvania will be transforming  
that fine forest into bread and  
meat and fuel for the children.

At one place the road is straight  
for 4000 feet and the big spruce  
trees wall in the sight of way to  
perfection.

The character of the country in  
the Pocahontas side lends itself to  
cheap and easy railway construc-  
tion. At the summit however  
there is a long deep cut the sides  
of which are of sand. This has  
caused untold trouble the excava-  
tions having been going on contin-  
uously since 1899. It is now  
broad enough to give little trouble.

At the summit the road passes  
through the limestone grazing  
lands until the first tunnel, (1700  
feet) is reached. Passing through  
this tunnel the railway comes out  
on Cheat River and it is here that  
the heavy work was done. Cuts

several hundred feet deep are  
common. The road bends around  
and overcomes the grade in a re-  
markable manner. Far below  
and behind us, we saw the road  
on which we were traveling. The  
waters of Cheat are black  
and repellant.

Fishing hawk is quite a large  
town. It is the most important  
place on the road. There is a  
saloon, two houses and a barn, to  
say nothing of a water-tank.

From there the road winds with  
Cheat River until it is necessary  
to cross the divide to Tygart's  
Valley River. This is done by a  
1000 foot tunnel and cunningly  
devised gradients.

Once in Tygart's Valley the  
way is smooth, and the descent to  
the city of Elkins easy.

We use the term "City" for  
the same reason we call 14 year  
old boys "Mister." It pleases  
them.

The city is one of the wonders  
of rapid growth and development.  
It makes us feel like Grandfather  
Squeers "who had shot deer where  
the court house stands now."

Twelve years ago Elkins was a  
farm. The walls of the new  
\$200,000 courthouse is up to the  
second story. The building is of  
cut stone. It is situated on the  
site of the famous "round barn"  
that the older people will remem-  
ber.

The passenger service instituted  
by the West Virginia Central is  
all that could be desired. A fine  
locomotive and two clean hand-  
some coaches constitute the train.  
The orders are torn at the rate of  
ten miles an hour from Durbin to  
Fishing Hawk and twenty miles  
an hour from there to Elkins.

The road would doubtless permit  
of greater speed but the rail is  
newly laid and these orders are  
cut of abundant caution. Some  
passengers grumble at the speed,  
showing that the railway company  
considers a passenger's safety to be  
a greater degree than he does him-  
self.

Even if the passenger  
wants to take a risk the railway  
does not propose to pay for it.

The new road is built in the  
best of style. The bridges are of  
iron built on solid masonry.

There is a very high bridge across  
a chasm without piers and prob-  
ably cost \$50,000 to construct.

The road is being ballasted.  
Three work trains are on the road  
hauling crushed stone from a  
rock crusher near the Elkins end  
of the route.

The two miles of railroad in  
Pocahontas County passes no old  
settlers house. Kelly's is near  
the railroad but not in sight.

After Randolph county is  
reached there are several homes  
that were established before the  
railroad was undertaken.

A large number of operations  
have been commenced. At the  
month of Little River six miles  
from Durbin The Pocahontas  
Lumber Company is putting in  
a large band mill to saw 11,000  
acres of timber. This will be one  
of the big industries of the county.

At Gladly near the Summit is  
another big plant under way.  
At Oxley at the extreme head of  
Greenbrier River the land is be-  
ing cleared for a saw mill town.

Mohn and Braucher have a big  
plant just above Durbin on a tract  
bought of the West Virginia Pulp  
and Paper Company.

A large number of portable  
sawmills are being operated along  
the line. Raymond Poe has a  
plant near Fishing Hawk.

Pocahontas is now manufactur-  
ing more lumber than any county  
in the state and the output is soon  
to be greatly increased.

Prof. W. T. Barbee, represen-  
ted the West Va. University dur-  
ing the recent Institute. From  
plain unvarnished statement of  
facts, made by him, one of the  
best things in sight for young  
men over sixteen and under  
twenty-one years of age, is a  
cadet appointment.

It is the aim of the Regents to  
see that the W. Va. University  
be equal to any and superior to  
most, in all lines of intellectual  
endeavor.

## THE BASHFUL MAN

The Blunders of an Unfortunate

A Ludicrous Misfortune Overcome  
By Age.

To which of his ancestors the  
Bashful Man was indebted for his  
great bashfulness of disposition I  
cannot tell; but that he is so in-  
debted there is no doubt. His  
parents, uncles and aunts all be-  
lieved fairly well in company; nay,  
more, they rather shone  
among the stars of fine society,  
and it all naturally to his unhappi-  
lot that he should be thrust for-  
ward even when he desired most a  
niche in the retired list. But that  
ancestor who entailed miseries  
upon him and is more to blame  
than the Bashful Man for a thou-  
sand blunders. Who has often  
wished to blot his or her name  
from the family calendar and bury  
it in forgetfulness. While yet in  
his teens the numerous unfortu-  
nate mistakes that were perhaps  
laughable to all except himself  
found atonement on the score of  
an awkward age, but as said that  
age cannot last forever and his  
blunders seemed to be gifted with  
immortality the Bashful Man felt  
sadly inclined to affix the Bashful  
Man to every written cognomen  
mine. At fine dinner service  
where lovely young women pre-  
dominated and there were several  
masculine youths better looking  
than himself and equally skillful  
with the carving tools, it was in-  
variably he upon whom the mis-  
takes of ceremonies pointed to do  
the honors of the turkey and  
supply the waiting plates. The  
more he protested the less he won,  
and with inward sigh his trembling  
hands attacked the ponderous fowl.  
He had taken lessons in carving  
and remembered well the figures  
attached to the different parts of  
the turkey on paper, but oil or  
grease or something interfered,  
and when making a deft stroke  
from five to six, the fowl bereft  
of wings to fly suddenly acquired  
a sliding motion and just escaping  
a lady's silk dress landed safely  
on the floor. Judge of the Bash-  
ful Man's surprise and mortifica-  
tion, also the delay of the dinner  
party. All were too well bred to  
laugh and matters were adjusted  
slightly; begged permission to  
try again at the carving business,  
and must confess, did better than  
before, though his own appetite  
for turkey was irretrievably gone  
for the present. Another time  
when he had carved the fowl in  
most approved style and addressed  
himself to partake of the luscious  
meat, he could not understand  
why the distance from plate to  
mouth had so greatly increased  
since last he ate, until the best of  
friends, for such we find in need,  
whisperingly informed him that  
his own knife and fork would be  
easier to manipulate than the  
carving knife and fork, which sug-  
gestion he failed not to carry out.  
Did you ever try to eat with a  
three-foot carving instrument? and  
in company, it is torture pure and  
simple.

He was induced to appear at  
an evening assembly, and perceiv-  
ing an elderly kind looking lady  
in one corner to herself betook  
me there as least observable. He  
gently opened conversation in this  
wise, "madam, the hills are re-  
markably high in the neighbor-  
hood of Richmond," to which the  
lady made no reply except to ask  
a repetition; again and again he  
tried to impress the truth, each  
time a little louder of tone until  
many were listening and he was  
fast becoming the observed of all  
observers and still his deaf com-  
panion heard not, he was bound  
to satisfy her ears and finally roar-  
ing out the lofty height of Rich-  
mond hills and receiving a lady  
like bow of assent he retreated  
from the scene a wiser if not a  
better man.

His worst day of confusion  
awaited him at the country-seat of  
a gentleman where a select party  
gathered and all went merry as a  
marriage-bell. He was always  
of an obliging turn and quick to  
offer services of help. Some one  
wished a certain book on a high  
shelf of the library, he the Bash-  
ful Man at once mounted the  
miniature fantastic ladder and  
sampled the book, but in so doing  
overturned an ink stand which his  
evil genius had certainly placed  
just in the way, greatly confused  
he drew forth an immaculate  
pocket handkerchief and stayed the  
dire ravages of the ebony fluid,  
and then carefully wrapt the  
handkerchief to replace it out of  
sight; a few minor blunders fol-  
lowed, but the climax was reached  
when at the dining table, forget-  
ful of the library scene and in  
profuse perspiration through ef-  
forts to make himself agreeable  
and useful as well, the Bashful  
Man drew forth that inevitable  
pocket handkerchief and wiped  
his face. The sequel may be im-  
agined, but cannot find descrip-  
tion. Friends who had known  
him a moment before could no  
longer recognize him, and begging  
excuse from the scene of blunders  
and innocent errors, the Bashful  
Man sought to renew himself into  
the white man he used to be.

Time and age have somewhat  
lessened the woes of his beset-  
ment, and he is far more com-  
fortable than in the days of youth  
and forced entertainment. Bashful  
Men were not made to display  
in society; retirement suits them  
better and when once he could  
persuade himself and friends of  
this fact, there was a degree of  
rest for the sole of his foot, and  
opportunity to learn a little wis-  
dom from within. Be assured,  
awkward and blundering people  
are not all fools, nor the opposite  
always the wisest of the wise.

Hosterman.

We have had fine rains and  
everything looks much refreshed.  
Everything is quiet in this part.

Mrs. James Gum, who has been  
very sick is better.

Mrs. Charles Collins, widow,  
died Saturday August 1st,  
of measles, she was 72 years old.

Hay making is in progress now.  
Lanty Moore is attending the  
Institute this week, we hear he  
will have an assistant teacher this  
winter.

Mrs. Daniel Heaven is in this  
part visiting friends.

Ray Bambrick is visiting near  
Frost this week.

Brown Galford had a fine cow  
killed last week by the train.

We have the trains now very  
convenient for the traveler, two  
passengers on the road.

The bark season is over now at  
this place.

Rev. Blackhurst preached a  
good sermon the second. We  
spoke about the erection of a  
church at this point. We hope  
this will not be overlooked.

There is no place along this line  
it is more needed, nothing but a  
medium sized school house for  
worship, and we believe the people  
will contribute cheerfully to the  
building of a church. Uncle  
Billy Collins whom everyone  
knows as a big hearted man, we  
believe will give us a lot and the  
Hosterman Lumber Co. that are  
so prosperous here in business they  
would not allow any one to excel  
them in their contributions, and  
another we must not forget, one  
of our most charitable men no one  
ever called on him for help that  
was ever turned away empty, and  
believe he would help largely,  
our good friend Mr. Uriah Heav-  
ner. Well to make a long story  
short, Pocahontas has so many  
good people all we want is to start  
and we will have a respectable  
church for worship to show the  
passerby Christ is recognized at  
Hosterman. Let us hear from  
some one else on this subject.

Forest Moore is buying cattle  
for beef.

Mr. Wm. Wysong formerly a  
well known resident of Hillsboro  
and a brother-in-law of Hon. Ed.  
Holt died August 4th, of injuries  
received in a Loup Creek coal  
mine. His sudden decease will  
be mourned by his numerous  
friends in various parts of the  
State.

Good painter, state wages. Ap-  
ply to Greenbrier River Lumber  
Company, Marlinton, W. Va.

## PIUS X

Unanimously Chosen Pope.

After Four Days Deliberation.

The Roman conclave often a  
four days session have un-  
animously chosen for Pope, Guiseppe Sarto, Patriarch of  
Venice.

This most notable event, took  
place, Tuesday August 4th, and  
by the time this reaches our  
readers, Pius 10th will be officia-  
ting at the Vatican as the chief  
Shepherd of the Catholic world.

It appears that he has been a  
character that has kept himself  
free from any particular movement,  
political or otherwise.

The impression prevails that the  
new Pontiff will follow and very  
probably accentuate the policy of  
the recently deceased Leo.

Should this be his policy then  
the new Pope will aim to increase  
the power of his church rather as  
a spiritual, than a diplomatic or-  
ganization, and it is hoped his  
administration may bring about  
better and more pleasant relations  
between the Pope and the King,  
or in other words between the  
Vatican and Quirinal. The exist-  
ing relations are deplored as be-  
ing bad for everybody and the  
impression that the new Pope is  
better suited than any other avail-  
able man to bring about the  
greatly desired improved condi-  
tions between Vatican and Quir-  
inal, may on a measure explain  
the unanimity of his election. If  
the American Catholics sympa-  
thize with the reported views of  
Cardinal Gibbons, they will be  
more than satisfied with the re-  
sults of the election. A repre-  
sentative of the Associated Press  
reports the eminent Baltimore  
Prelate as saying that the election  
of Cardinal Sarto produced the  
best impression in the entire  
sacred college, he being a man of  
such piety, tact and culture, that  
he was best fitted to be the head  
of the church at the present time.

In personal appearance the new  
Pope is a very handsome person-  
ality, possessing a fine erect fig-  
ure, despite his 68 years of age,  
his face much resembling the late  
Phillipp Brookes the once re-  
nowned Boston Divine.

## Dunmore.

K. D. Swecker has returned  
from the University of Va.

Laurence McLaughlin has re-  
turned from Baltimore Md.

J. H. Griffith and lady spent  
a day and night in town.

Wm. Geiger is able to be out.

Mrs. Bessie Taylor is improv-  
ing.

Mr. Charles Cassel of Durbin  
spent a few days in town.

Miss Laura Mason is in town.  
Mr. Si Armstrong is making  
hay for H. M. Moore.

Work on the Buzzard church is  
progressing nicely.

The singing at the McLaughlin  
church was well attended Sunday  
last.

Mr. G. B. Slavens at Cass is  
able to be up.

Mr. Chestnut is improving.  
James Benson, P. G. Johnson  
have gone to Monterey, Va.

Mr. H. G. Peck is doing a rush-  
ing business at Forrest in the  
watch and clock repair shop.

One of Mr. Darrahs children  
fell out of a hammock on Friday  
last and was badly hurt. Dr.  
Arbuckle rendered medical aid.

Mr. Gilbert Sharp is building  
David Birely's new house.

Mr. Loyd Reoa has opened up  
a store two miles west of Frost  
and is doing a good business.

Undertaker Swecker furnished  
a burial outfit Saturday last one  
of Wm. Siples little boys three  
and a half years old, died of  
dysentery at Cass, W. Va.

We lay there in the silent tomb  
Sweet blossom of a day,  
We just began to view the bloom  
When thou wast called away.

## WANTED.

Good painter, state wages. Ap-  
ply to Greenbrier River Lumber  
Company, Marlinton, W. Va.

Near Linwood.  
We are having plenty of rain,  
corn and oats are looking fine in  
this part.

Hay harvest is in full blast,  
but hands are very scarce. The  
hay makers will have to dig down  
a little deeper in their pockets.

John West, carpenter, was over  
to Morgan Currys and bought a  
fine full blooded Denmark Gaited  
mare last week.

Grover Woodell is in from  
Cheat Mountain.

There will be plenty of black  
berries for one and all this year.

Amos Woodell, the sheep and  
cattle buyer recently had the dis-  
agreeable experience of having a  
large rattlesnake thrown on him  
by dog which was shaking the  
snake.

Our school will commence in  
the near future at this place it is  
said that Miss Florence Clutter  
will be our teacher. She is O. K.

Floyd Curry, the champion  
mower has finished mowing at his  
home, and is now mowing for  
John Trace.

Morgan Curry has good grass  
for your horses and cattle send  
them in.

## New Martinsville.

New Martinsville is situated on  
the historic Ohio river, in fact too  
near for the safety of the people,  
for Main street is about 100 feet  
from the waters edge at low water.

The river often overflows causing  
much loss and trouble.

The flood of '88 being the most  
destruction in the history of the  
town. People here tell me of the  
floods and its destruction until I  
tremble with fear of another.

This is a prosperous and busy  
town with a population of 3,000  
has some very fine buildings and  
modern conveniences.

The Times are of great interest  
as it invariably tells the doing at  
home and when it fails to come  
a veritable howl goes out.

Our household goods that were  
shipped from Marlinton on May  
18, 1903, were burned in a car at  
Talcott, W. Va. May 20, 1903.

How the burning occurred we are  
not aware.

Goods were valued at over  
\$400 and cannot be replaced by a  
good deal more; and to say this  
is, to us, a great loss, is to put it  
mildly.

Mrs. N. J. KER.

## Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received by  
the Board of Education of Edray  
District at Marlinton, W. Va.,  
until noon of the 22nd day of  
August, 1903, for the erection of  
two school houses in said district,  
viz:

One at Alderney, near John E.  
Barlow's, size 20x22 feet, the con-  
tractor to furnish all the material;

One on Laurel Creek, at or  
near the residence of J. N. White,  
size 20x30 feet, all of the lumber  
for said house to be furnished by  
the Board of Education.

Sealed bids will be received at  
the same time for the repairing of  
the "Draft" school house which  
is to be ceiled with hardwood  
from the wainscoting to the ceil-  
ing, the contractor to remove all  
plaster and laths from the walls.

Specifications for all of said  
work on file in the office of the  
Secretary of said Board of Edu-  
cation, and may be seen by call-  
ing upon him at his office.

Bond in double the amount of  
the bid, with good personal secu-  
rity must accompany each bid for  
said work.—By Order of the  
Board of Education, Edray Dis-  
trict.

## Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that no  
trespassing will be permitted on  
my land, by hunting, fishing  
gathering berries or in any other  
manner. I will take action against  
all trespassers.

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all trespassers.

W. W. Ruckman, Secy.

By order of the Board.  
J. S. McNEEL, Pres.

W. W. Ruckman, Secy.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that no  
trespassing will be permitted on  
any of my lands